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3A, MONACO. Look for Tony/IK1QBT and Gianni/IZ1DFI to be active from here between **October 21-22nd** signing as **3A/homecalls**. They will be using a Kenwood TS570, 100 watt (maximum legal power in 3A) to a vertical antenna multiband "Multicres". The only CW activity will be on all bands (emphasis on the WARC bands). QSL via the bureau or direct to their respective home callsigns:

- IK1QBT - Tony Gallo, Via Capo S.Spirito 1/16, 17052 Borghetto Santo Spirito (SV) Italy --
- IZ1DFI - Gianni Pastorino , Via Clavesana 68 17051 Andora (SV) Italy.

3D2, CONWAY REEF. Mats/5X1Z (SM7PKK) and Nils/SM6CAS have announced a DXpedition here in 2001. Operators Nils/SM6CAS, Mats/SM7PKK, Janne/SM0DJZ, Pekka/OH1RY, Siggi/TF3CW and Steve/G4EDG will be active between **April 5-24th**. Three of the operators have already been on Conway Reef once or twice, and the majority of team are well seasoned DX-peditioners. Please note that they are looking for 2 more operators to join the team! The DXpedition will feature 4 complete stations running 24 hours a day. All stations will have their own generators, amplifiers and Force 12 antennas. No callsign/callsigns were mentioned in the press release. They have secured a suitable yacht for the undertaking of this DXpedition. The estimated cost of the DXpedition is approximately 45,000 (USD). Any support from clubs and individuals are greatly appreciated. The complete press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

3D2, CONWAY REEF. Hrane, YT1AD, reports that he has organized an operation to Conway Reef from **February 5-15th, 2001**. The following operators have been mentioned: YT1AD, YU1RL, YT6A, YU1NR, Z32AU (YU1AU), Z32ZM and possibly one more operator from Central America. There will be three stations active at the same time, each with 1KW amp. Each station will have two 3 element multiband beam antennas, one vertical and wires for Top Band. The callsign will be publisized on February 5th, 2001. The licence was issued on October 5th, 2000.

4W, EAST TIMOR. The operation by Dennis/K7BV, Dick/N6FF and Made/YB9BV as **4W/K7BV** and **4W/N6FF** should be coming to an end by the time you read this. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the latest press release by Rod, WC7N, as an additional bulletin, however, a log search is available on the Web at:
<http://www.xcvr.com/4w/logsearch.asp>

6Y, JAMAICA. Ron, 4S7RO, will be active on the air signing **4S7RO/6Y5**. He has moved to **Kingston**, Jamaica, and expects to be here for the next two years. Meanwhile, Ron is not yet fully set up from 6Y5-land due to various shortcomings and inadequate equipment. However, he is working on it and hopefully will be back on the air very soon. He states that the local 6Y5 ham community has been VERY hospitable and generous. Ron plans to be active mainly on 20 meters CW/SSB (due to space restrictions). Unlike 4S7, Ron will sadly be unable to get on 160/80 meters. However, he may also try 6 meters and hopes to be able to work into the US! Also, his XYL, VU2MAB, will also be on the air from there shortly. So, YL award hunters...watch out! Those who worked him as 4S7RO on the various bands over the years and still need cards, please send them to Franz, DJ9ZB.

However, when Ron does show up on the bands, please do not send cards to DJ9ZB as he is only aware of his 4S7 operations. QSL info is still not set. Stay tune.

9M6, WESTERN MALAYSIA. "The DX News Letter" reports that Peter, G4MJS, will be on the air as **9M6BAA** on 6 meters and all HF bands from **October 17-31st**. QSL via G4SHF.

AH2, GUAM. Aki, JI3ERV/NH2C, Chairman of Guam Contest Club (GCC), informs OPDX that GCC will be active in the **CQ World Wide DX Contest** (phone) at the end of the month. The GCC, which was the Oceanic leader as a Multi-Single category in 1996, 1997 and 1999 (1998 won second place in the Oceania, as a Multi-Multi category), will try again this year to build on their Oceanic record as a Multi-Single category using the callsign **AH2R** from Guam Island (KH2 - Zone 27, IOTA **OC-26**). Operators will be Aki, JI3ERV/NH2C; Kaz, JG3RPL/N1BJ; Seo, JR3RVO/WX8M; Toshi, JR7OMD/WI3O; Sam, JR8VSE; Koh, JH7QXJ and Noz, JE8KKX. QSL via JH7QXJ (direct or JA bureau, NOT KH2 bureau). PLEASE NOTE: The QSL Manager has changed. Their Sunrise/Sunset will be 2015/0755z. Also listen carefully for them between 7075-7100 kHz.

C6, BAHAMAS. Look for Gary/KI6T and Salvatore/KA6WHA to be active from **October 25-30th** using their **homecall/C6A**. They will also use **C6AGS** in the **CQWW SSB Contest**. QSL via home callsigns and C6AGS via KI6T.

D4, CAPE VERDE ISLAND. Alberto, IV3TAN, will be active from **Sao Tiago (AF-005)** from D44BS's QTH, **October 22nd through November 1st**. He will participate in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as a Single Op/All Band entry with the special callsign **D4A**. For all QSOs with D44BS callsign, the QSL route is via Angelo Mendes, P.O. Box 308, Praia - Cape Verde. For all Contest QSOs with the D4A callsign, QSL is via I2MQP.

EP, IRAN. On October 10th, Hamid/EP3HR and his friend Yar/EP3SP opened their club station **EP4PTT**. This club is working with a license from Ministry of Post and Telephone of Iran. This club will only be active on 14 MHz as their equipment is home-made. Their antenna is a dipole and the output power is only 20 watts. QSL via the Iranian Bureau.

EY, TAJIKISTAN. Nodir, EY8MM, reports that an International group will participate in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as **EY2A** as a Multi/Multi entry. This is the first ever M/M attempt from Tajikistan. QSL EY2A via K6VNX.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Franck, FK8HC, informed OPDX in the middle of last week that he would be active during the weekend on 160/80 meters SSB between 0700 and 1900z. Reportedly, Franck and Eric/FK8GN have put up new antennas for the low bands 2 miles away from Eric's house on a mountain for the **CQWW contests** and are trying them out. Since the weekend has past, you may want to keep a listen for possible future weekends for another operation to take place.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Joel, F5JJW, is currently active as **FO0/F5JJW** from **Gambier Island (OC-063)** until **October 18th**. Activity has been on 15/20 meters SSB. Look for him to move onto **Moorea Island (OC-046)** on **October 18th through the 22nd** and then from **Tikehau Island (OC-066)** on **October 22-26th**. QSLs via F5JJW.

FO, MARQUESAS ISLAND. Toshi/JA1ELY and Mako/JA1OEM are going to **Nuku Hiva Island (OC-027)** **October 18th through 23rd**. The two will operate as **FO0ELY** and **FO0TOH**. They will operate on all bands 160-6 meters and SSB/CW/RTTY. Because of heavy pileups for the KH5K DXpedition, they will use lower frequencies like: 14010/14145 etc... 160m 1832.5, 6m 50100, RTTY 14077 21077. QSL via their homecall.

FO0, MARQUESAS ISLANDS. "The 59(9) DX Report" reports that Phillippe, FO3BM, will be active from **Nuku Hiva** for at least a week between **October 25-29th** as **FO0SIX**, 6 meters only. He is planning activity for the **Australs** in **March 2001**.

FO0AAA VIDEO. You may have missed the info that James, 9V1YC, has finished the Clipperton Island Video because you are not an OPDX Subscriber. Details on how to receive the video can be found on the Web page: <http://home.pacific.net.sg/~jamesb/> By the way, James states that the A52A Bhutan video is just being worked on now. Stay tuned!

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. Stan/AC8W, Henry/K8DD, Ken/N8KR and Kurt/W8IQ will operate from **St. Pierre, October 23rd through October 30th**. Wire antennas and four 100w transceivers will be used with an emphasis on CW and RTTY prior to a Multi-Single entry in the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest** using **FP/N8KR**. QSL via home call signs.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. There will be another Hungarian-German DXpedition to HB0-land which will take place between **October 28th and November 4th**. The QTH will be at a rented house on a mountain near **Triesenberg** at about 1300m above sea level. Participants are Kazik/DL2SBY, Tamas/HA4DX (ex- HA4GDO), Geza/HA4XG Geza and Laci/HA0HW. Three stations will be set up and two will work 24 hours a day, one with amplifier, on CW, SSB and RTTY on nine HF bands. Some satellite operations are also expected by HA4DX. They will have several monoband and trap verticals, yagi for 12 meters and dipoles for 80 and 160 meters with a 240m long bevarage for reception. Each operator will use his own callsign after HB0/ prefix, followed by /p. All QSL requests will be answered the same way as they arrive to the operators (either via DL and HA bureaus or direct to operators CBA). They state that they will be happy to give you a new one on any band or mode.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **NOT OC-125.** Gary, DU6/K9AW, has informed OPDX that he and his QSL Manager Paul/WF5T have been getting queries questioning his IOTA number. Gary has only operated from **Negros Island** (his home) in the Visayan Island group **OC-129**. Someone has mistakenly spotted him on a DX PacketCluster as being on OC-125 in the Semirara Island group (also a DU6 prefix). He is sorry for someone else's spotting error. The widest dissemination of this information is greatly appreciated.

KH5/KH5K, PALMYRA & KINGMAN REEF (Update). Garry, NI6T, reports that the motor schooner "Machias" departed Honolulu (not Christmas Island as reported last week) on October 10th, bound for Christmas Island in the Kiribati Republic with most of the DXpedition's equipment. The departure was a bit later than planned and will cause a delay in the planned rendezvous with the operator group which flies to Christmas Island on the 15th. They have updated their itinerary to minimize the impact on their stay at Kingman Reef. For updates, check their Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/krpdxg/> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the latest press release on Palmyra as an additional bulletin.

P4, ARUBA. Look for John, W2GD, to be active as **P40W October 25-30th**. This activity will include an entry in the CQWW SSB Contest. QSL via N2MM.

PJ2, NETHERLAND ANTILLES. Joeke, PA0VDV, is expect to be active from **October 26th through November 15th** as **PJ2/PA0VDV** from **Curacao**. This will be a CW only operation on all HF bands. QSL direct to: Joeke van der Velde, Delleburen 1, 8421 RP Oldeberkoop, Netherlands; or QSL via the bureau (please mention "via QSL Regio R14"); or QSL requests can be made by E-mail after November 30th to: pa0vdv@planet.nl (Replies will go via the bureau.)

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **QSL KH2F ONLY TO JA2TBS.** Ken, N4UK, states that he is receiving QSL cards for KH2F which was his old callsign. Only send cards to the JA address.
- **GB0SM LOG ON-LINE.** Tom, G0PSE, reports that the log for recent GB0SM St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly (IOTA EU-011) operation (September 29th through October 9th) is now available at: <http://www.qsl.net/g0pse/> Thanks to Doug/N6RT the LogMaster. The log contains all the QSOs of the three DXpeditions (1998, 1999 and 2000). The log can be accessed for all three years by testing it with the callsign G0UKX. Who is in the log for each of the three years.
- Ruslan, RK9AD, reports that he is the QSL Manager for RA9AC, RN9AA and UA9APA. He also helps to receive cards for UE9AAR/P (not IOTA) and any other stations from UA9A-land. If you have a contact with these stations and want to receive a QSL card, please send (with any request) to: Ruslan Verichev, P.O. Box 9696, Chelyabinsk, 454081 Russia (or send via bureau). Also send E-mail to: rk9ad@mail.ru
- Bernd, DF3CB, reports the following: The callsigns **5V7VJ** and **XT2OW** have been reissued to the current German DXpedition by DL7DF and crew.
 - QSLs for QSOs with 5V7VJ between September 12-20th, 2000, go via G4ZVJ
 - QSLs for QSOs with 5V7VJ between October 4-9th, 2000, go via DL7DF.
 - QSLs for QSOs with XT2OW in February 1999 go via F5RLE
 - QSLs for QSOs with XT2OW after October 11, 2000 go via DL7DF. Online logs and news can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/dl7df>.

SV9, CRETE. Juergen, DJ8FR, will be taking part in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as **SV9/OH4FR** as a Single Op/Single Band (10m, possible qrg: 28580 kHz) entry. QSL via DJ8FR.

T88, PALAU. Hiro/JA1WSX and Toku/JA1QGT are going to be active from **Palau (OC-009) October 27th through 31st**. Hiro holds **T88WX**, but Toku will be issued a callsign after his arrival in Palau. Their activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. Hiro hopes to participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest as Single Op/All Band. Toku will operate other bands and modes during the contest. QSL to their homecall via bureau or direct to CBA.

TI5, COSTA RICA. Carlos/TI5KD and his two Japanese friends Hiro/JA6WFM and Naomi/JM6EBU (YL) will participate in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** as **TI5WFM** as a Multi Op/Single TX entry. Before the contest Hiro and Naomi will be active as **TI5/homecall**. QSL TI5WFM via JA6WFM and others via homecall.

TZ, MALI. Mac, **TZ6JA**, will be active again from **Bamako**. Mac will stay for **one month beginning October 20th** for a government mission. Mac will be active during the mornings (his time) on weekdays, but on weekends he will be on all time. Activities will be on 40/20/15/10 meters only. QSL via JA3EMU.

UA0, ASIATIC RUSSIA. Yuri, **UA0SJ**, reports that he will once again be active in the **CQWW SSB DX Contest** as a Single Op/All Band entry from **Bratsk city** (this 600 kilometers on the north side from Lake Baikal) QSL via direct only to: Yuri A. Maltsev, P.O. Box 2304, Bratsk-City, 665700, Russia / Asiatic /.

UK JOTA INFO. Malcolm, G4CXT, reports that a full list of all special callsigns being used by UK Scout stations taking part in the "**Jamboree on the Air**", **October 21-22nd**, can be found under JOTA at the following Web site: <http://www.radio-scouting.org.uk> Where available this list includes links to home pages and E-mail addresses active during the event.

V6, MICRONESIA. Don't be surprised when you hear **V6T1A** during the **CQWW DX SSB Contest**. JA7HMZ and JA7KAC just received a notice from Micronesia Telecomm that their contest callsign V6A had been changed to V6T1A. QSL via JA7AO.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND (6 meters!). Wal/VK6KZ and Don/VK6HK will operate as **VK9CZ** and **VK9CK**, respectively, next weekend from **October 21st through November 4th**. They plan to activate 50 MHz which will be their main interest with 28885 kHz available for liaison. General HF operation will be available, (50 MHz conditions permitting). If HF is used, look for them on 28485, 21285 and 14185 kHz. Other HF bands may be tried if time and antennas are available.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Alan, **VK0MM**, announced this past week that he will try to be active on CW/SSB only on "20 and 30 meters as realistically possible over the final few weeks". He states, "please bear in mind that, as with all the other personnel on the station, I am VERY busy with my work programme here. My website will be updated with schedtimes regularly." The ANARE 2000 crew is due to leave on November 12th for home (via a 3 week voyage via Casey Station in Antarctica). There will not be an amateur radio operator on Macquarie Island for the year 2001.

VP2, ANGUILLA. Three members of the Southwest Ohio DX Association will visit Anguilla from **October 26th through November 2nd**. They will be an entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest**, most likely in the Multi/Multi class. The contest callsign has not yet been determined. The operators are: Harry/AC8G (ex W8KKF) as VP2EH, Joe/W8GEX as VP2EP and Ron/W8ILC as VP2ER. QSL to home callsigns; best direct with a SASE. Before and after the contest, they will be on all bands 160-6 meters, SSB and CW.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. The North Florida DX Association will be active during the **CQWW SSB and CW Contests** this year using the callsign **VP5DX**. Operators will be Steven/AB4UF, Dick/K4UTE, Ron/N4KE, Mike /N4EPD, Mike/NF4L and Jim/NU4Y. QSL is now via NU4Y. Before and after contest, operators will sign **VP5/homecall**. QSL to their home callsigns.

XU, CAMBODIA. Hitoshi, JE8XRF, is going to be active from here **October 26th through 30th**. His callsign will be issued after his arrival in Cambodia. His activity will be mostly on 15 and 10 meters SSB. He hopes to participate in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest** on 10 meters Single Band. QSL via JA1ELY.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Jim, ZK1JD, reports that the Cook Island scouts will be operating during "**Jamboree on the Air**" the third weekend of October as **ZK1BS**. In spite of callbook or other info, the QSL address is ONLY: c/o J. Ditchburn, Box 491, Rarotonga Cook Islands. There is no QSL manager! It was also mentioned that "There is no longer an operating QSL bureau in the Cooks, so do not bother sending bureau cards for any ZK1 callsign." We hope to have more details on the status of the ZK1 Bureau next week.

#CQDX HAS MOVED. Doug, N6RT, reports that the #CQDX chat channel is being moved from Othernet to the WorldIRC network at: <http://irc.worldirc.org> Everything is exactly the same, you will just have to reconfigure the address you connect to in your DX-Telnet, mIRC, or other IRC software. Please visit <http://dx.qsl.net/cqdx/> for information and instructions on how to plug the new address into your software. Complete press release will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers.

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